The Office of Undergraduate Research recently announced the selection of Dr. Benjamin King, a R.C. Fuson Professor of Chemistry in the College of Science, as the 2014 recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award. With support from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, this award aims at recognizing the dedication and enthusiasm of faculty who include undergraduate researchers in their research projects.

Dr. King joined UNR in 2002 and was awarded the Fuson Professorship in 2013. During his time at UNR, Dr. King has mentored 34 undergraduates, 16 graduate students and three post docs, and published 24 papers, involving 11 undergraduate researchers. He also has received several prestigious awards, including the NSF Career Award (2005) and the Mousel Feltner Excellence in Research Award (2013).

Since starting at UNR, Dr. King has worked with 34 undergraduate students, the majority of which have gone on to complete advanced degrees in chemistry, medicine and dentistry. While working in his lab, students are exposed to a genuine research experience, including everything from being assigned laboratory chores to earning authorship on scientific papers. Dr. King believes that working with undergraduate students is its own reward and that he strives to give them the same quality experience he received in his own bachelor’s education. Let us all congratulate Dr. King for his achievements.